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Dear Work Group Members,

Thank you for your willingness to serve on the Governor's Higher Education Work Group that will be dealing with the critical concerns of college access and affordability in the Commonwealth. **We will have our first meeting Wednesday, November 12, 2008, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in Room 171 of the Capitol Annex in Frankfort.**

Attached, please find a collection of materials to give you background information on state and national trends in college affordability. These materials have been provided to help you organize meeting materials and learn more about particular topics, according to your time and interest. The attachment includes:

- Background information on the charge of the Higher Education Work Group and its two Subcommittees—Affordability and Strategic Planning.
- Brief summaries of the *Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997* (HB 1), the Council on Postsecondary Education's Double the Numbers Plan, and the Public Agenda for Postsecondary and Adult Education in Kentucky (2005-2010).
- Executive summaries of several recent state reports on higher education, including a 2007 report by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Task Force on Postsecondary Education.
- Executive summaries of several national studies and policy briefs on college pricing and federal financial aid.
- A list of additional resources and websites for more in-depth study and research.

We will provide a binder with all this information to each member of the Higher Education Work Group at the first meeting.

I understand the demands on your time and appreciate your willingness to serve.

If you have any questions about the work of the committee as we move forward, you may contact Ms. Corey Kline of the Finance and Administration Cabinet at 502-564-1426 or corey.kline@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

Mira Ball
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